

The prior art fails to show, in combination with the invention that the surface rotated is in a range of 34-41 degrees, 35-42 degrees and 35-43 degrees, from a crystal Y axis around a crystal X axis of the lithium tantalite, an electrode thickness obtained with a wavelength of a surface acoustic wave of 0.01 to 0.05, 0.05-0.075 and 0.075-0.1, a duty ratio of the electrode finger with a cycle ranging from 0.6 to 1.0.

Because this statement focuses on particular features of independent claims 4-6 and 10-12, Applicants wish to point out the entire contents of claims 4-6 and 10-12, considered as a whole, define each of the allowable claims, not just the features cited by the Examiner. In other words, it is the claimed combination of features of each independent claim that defines allowable claims 4-6 and 10-12, (as well as the other allowed claims), not just individual features.

Applicants merely submit these remarks in an effort to clarify the record in the present application.

#### CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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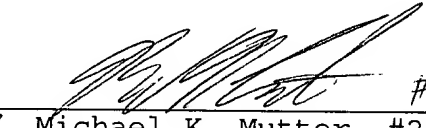
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